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First Division

Sheffield Eagles
v
Leigh Centurions

Friday 17 November 1995
Kick off: 7.30 pm

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Don Valley Stadium

Sheffield Eagles Alliance Team

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Welcome to Don Valley Stadium for tonight's Alliance team match against Leigh Centurions. The season started poorly for the Eagles, with so many injured first team players, our Alliance side were continually being drawn upon, with the result that our performances suffered. Since the break, however, the Eagles seem to have thrown off the dismal pre-World cup results and have had two excellent away performances with big wins at Wakefield (44-8) and Keighley (74-10) in the last two weeks.

Tonight's match gives a first opportunity to see our three Fijian players in action. Whilst the Fijian side suffered big defeats at the hands of both England and Australia in the recent Halifax Centenary World Cup, they themselves scored over fifty points in their win over South Africa and always showed that they had the capacity to play running open Rugby.

Leigh Centurions were our first opponents this season and we were well beaten at Hilton Park. The Eagles will be aiming to set the record straight tonight and prepare a springboard for promotion to the Premier Division.

Richard Pepper
Eagles' Alliance Team Manager

First team action

The Eagles' first team take on Leeds at Headingley on Sunday, 19th November (Kick off 3.00pm). Following Wigan's first defeat in the league this season, drama now heightens in the Centenary Championship with Wigan and Leeds battling for the title and the Eagles, encouraged by their return to winning league form with the recent defeat of Oldham, looking to climb clear of the pack of clubs at the foot of the table.

Gary Hetherington, in looking towards the Headingley fixture, says "Leeds are strong in all positions and we will have a difficult challenge on our hands. I was, however, pleased with our effective defensive play at Bradford but we did not show much enterprise on attack. This we must put right before the Leeds' encounter".

The Eagles' next home outing is the contest with St Helens at Don Valley Stadium on Wednesday, 29th November.

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Eagles

Centurions

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Waisale SOVATABUA	1 *Full Back*	
Richard PICKSLEY	2 *Right Wing*	
David MYCOE	3 *Right Centre*	
Matthew CROWTHER	4 *Left Centre*	
Josaia DAKUITONGA	5 *Left Wing*	
Andy BALLOT	6 *Stand Off*	
Richard CHAPMAN	7 *Scrum Half*	
Mala YASA	8 *Prop Forward*	
Mick COOK	9 *Hooker*	
Dale LAUGHTON	10 *Prop Forward*	
Andy YOUNG	11 *Second Row*	
Ian HUGHES	12 *Second Row*	
Jerome VINCENT	13 *Loose Forward*	
Ben BRIER, Freddie BANQUET	*Substitute*	
Richard ARMSWOOD	*Substitute*	

Coaching: Glen Knight **Physios:** *Karen Pepper, Danielle Cregg*
Kit Manager: Richard Knight **Referee:**
Matchday Co-ordinator: Kevin Allam **Touch Judges:**

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	P	W	D	L	For	Ag't	Pts
Halifax	9	8	-	1	259	172	16
Hull K R	9	6	1	2	322	133	13
Featherstone	9	6	1	2	218	143	13
Widnes	9	5	1	3	223	153	11
Wakefield	9	5	-	4	179	199	10
Sheffield E	9	4	-	5	304	234	8
York	9	3	-	6	152	248	6
Leigh	9	2	1	6	148	259	5
Workington	8	2	-	6	157	179	4
Keighley	8	1	-	7	106	348	2

Rugby League
Stones Bitter Centenary Championship
1995/96

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag't	Pts
Wigan	10	9	-	1	423	142	18
Leeds	10	8	-	2	348	178	16
St Helens	10	7	-	3	430	258	14
Halifax	10	7	-	3	238	239	14
London B	11	5	-	6	283	293	10
Bradford N	10	5	-	5	220	248	10
Castleford	10	5	-	5	204	268	10
Warrington	10	4	-	6	230	224	8
Sheffield	10	2	-	8	196	360	4
Oldham	11	2	-	9	183	364	4
Workington	10	2	-	8	169	350	4

Rugby League Alliance
Remaining home fixtures

Nov 17	*Friday*	*Leigh Centurions*	*Home*
Jan 4	*Thursday*	*Wakefield Trinity*	*Home*
11	*Thursday*	*Widnes*	*Home*
18	*Thursday*	*York*	*Home*

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Fijians at Don Valley

The game against the Centurions should see the Eagles' debut of our Fijian World Cup stars when full back Waisale Sovatabua, prop Mala Yasa and winger Josaia Dakuitonga are included in the night's line up. This game also marks the first appearance in the season of an Alliance "programme/teamsheet" but Team Manager, Richard Pepper, felt that the Fijians ' debut and the team's current run of success represented a special occasion for the Eagles, the current team probably represents the strongest Eagles' Alliance side ever and their performances provide a football spectacle that is well worth watching.

Eagles' Academy

The future of the game rests, to a large extent, with the young players in the Academy divisions. Eagles' entertaining Academy side take on Keighley at the Don Valley Stadium on Saturday, 18th November (kick off 2.30pm); Keighley are only two places above Eagles in the table, the game should provide a hard fought occasion that is well worth watching.

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